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DAILY FOOD

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1919.

Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.—Luke 12:32

In the floods of tribulation, While the billow of sin rolls, Jesus whispers consolation, And supports my fainting soul.

Seek not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind; rather seek ye the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.—Luke 12:29, 31.

ABUSES OF THE SERVICE.

The disclosures made before the house committee, which is investigating the alleged abuse of soldiers during the war, has aroused the nation. The country must prepare itself to hear that there were unspeakable indignities heaped upon American citizens who went a-bromading to make the world safe for democracy; that democracy was practiced precisely little in the American army, whose commander-in-chief prated much about the thing.

But the country should also prepare itself to listen with discrimination. In an army, as in every other human undertaking, men are employed. There, as elsewhere, there are two kinds of men. Clean, capable, honorable men, and inefficient, crooked trouble makers.

Where men were commanded in the late war by the first mentioned type it will be found that the officers command the confidence and respect of their men. Where the second class occupied places of authority there occurred the atrocious things that we have been reading about and that we are destined to read much more about.

The rules and regulations of the war department are such that it is impossible for the private soldier to be heard by those sufficiently high in the service to afford relief. Thus an incompetent and dishonest company commander can inflict terrific punishment on his men and escape punishment for a long while, in ten many instances can escape altogether. The theory of the army is that a private soldier may not address an officer if the officer deigns to take notice of the wrong then the worm may reply. But not otherwise. The private, however, may arrange for the approach. That is, he may apply to the company top sergeant for permission to make certain representations to his captain; to his captain to make certain representations to the battalion commander, and so on up, to the general commanding.

But, mind you, he can get by with nothing that is objected to by any of these various officers. If there is crookedness going on in the company administration you may be sure that the top sergeant is in right on the matter—at least to the extent of standing by his captain. Else, he would not be a top sergeant very long.

Frequent inspections and reviews are held by commanding officers for the theoretical purpose of seeing that the gauded private is really being properly taken care of, but all reports from company sources are from the official class. If the commanding officer does not discover any trouble during the inspections it just does not exist. We hope the reader can see the point we are developing.

A case in point comes to mind from experience in the Spanish-American war. The Indian Territory company in the only regiment of United States territorial infantry happened to be commanded by a man of the second type. He was a martinet, yet ignorant concerning his responsibilities. He drank to excess, and was at least when in his cups. And he was crooked. He had a commissary sergeant like unto him; and they set about bleeding the horse fund. The government makes ample provision for the comfort of the men. It calls to its service, but just men—all kinds of men—are charged with the duty of applying these provisions.

It was not long until that company was on starvation. Its fare was greasy bacon, potatoes and bread day after day and three times a day. And not enough of that. On either side were companies of the same regiment enjoying a plain but substantial and ample menu. Not a man but understood full well what was happening. The captain and his commissary sergeant

encouraged together on the money stolen from the company mess fund.

The top sergeant did nothing. Thus things drifted. There was mutiny in the air. Other officers became convinced of what was going on, yet following the custom of protecting a brother officer, said nothing. Men in the company were summarily reduced to the ranks or otherwise punished for daring to complain.

Then came inspection by General Hunter, the division commander. It was Sunday. The men had discussed various ways of getting their grievances to high official attention. It was a veteran of long service in the old regular army that came, finally, to their assistance. He told them to form in company in a prominent place on the line of inspection and stand silently at attention until the general spoke to them.

"If he's a sure-enough soldier," said the veteran, "he'll be speaking to you quick enough."

The fellows took the advice. The orders were for each man to stand at attention in the dome of his tent with the flag poleed back, and the formed company just in the rear of the kitchen at once attracted the officer's attention. Accompanied by his full staff, he rode directly to it.

"What's the trouble, boys?" he asked kindly of a large corporal who stood at right guide.

"We're hungry," replied the corporal. Just that and nothing more.

Hunter was a sure-enough soldier. There was no room for the leaders of the hunger strike. But in a very few hours the captain was relieved of his command and full rations came through in fine shape. There were plenty of sources of information when the general asked questions. But still he himself started an investigation; the entire machinery of the army appeared to be paralyzed.

The right of petition enjoyed by every private citizen should go with that private citizen into the uniform. Discipline there must be in any army. But no army will be injured by according the private soldier the right to lodge a complaint with a man high enough to accord relief.

As the atrocious of the late war are unveiled we confidently expect close investigation to disclose that it was the inability of the private soldier to secure a hearing that made them possible in the first instance, enabled the wrong type of officers to perpetuate them in the second.

An army representing democracy should employ more democracy than the American army has every employed. It can be done without lessening necessary discipline, however much it may injure the tender sensibilities of the self-esteem and incompetent officer.

WE BEG LEAVE TO WITHDRAW.

In the esteemed Oklahomaian of the 14th that there appeared the following remarkable matter:

The smallest change to the peace treaty by any amendment, though it be of minor importance, may entirely sever the United States from membership in the league of nations and precipitate it into an individual state of war with Germany! The assertion was made by C. E. Ames, assistant attorney general at Washington, who is at his home here on a brief business trip.

If Judge Ames is correctly interpreted in this matter, the World begs leave to withdraw the little endorsement to his legal ability which it presented in a recent issue.

That's all.

Our professional idealists who walk with their heads in the clouds have every right to sympathize with foreign nations at war, every right to go and fight if they want to, but they have not the right, and on this point American sentiment is unanimous, to say to a fellow citizen, "I feel very sorry for that poor nation across the ocean, and to prove it I am going to send you over to be shot."

There are still those who insist that the president and the senate will get together. It sure begins to look that way. And we want a ringside seat.

Texas is making a formidable bid for the premiership in oil production. The production is increasing in the new fields of that state at a marvelous rate.

De Valera will have some trouble convincing us that Ireland wants an orderly, quiet government. The Irish don't function that way.

A picture in yesterday afternoon's World discloses some of the benefits of a world championship that we had never before thought of.

Oklahoma Outbursts

By OTIS LORTON

The young man on North Main says the reason he has never married is because he was afraid he might pick a "Maggie."

When we casually remarked a day or two ago that the Tulsa ball team was a good reader, we overlooked for the moment the peculiarities of the Iowa soil.

I thought for a moment I had discovered a new cure yesterday, reports Bill Douglas, but it turned out to be a woman standing on the post-office corner yawning.

If the committee succeeds in persuading President Wilson to include Tulsa on his tour, it ought, merely to show that it is unshaken and without prejudice, invite Senator Reed to follow him.

Speaking of the conviction of Mrs. Trepagnier, aged 60, for killing a Chicago publisher. There always related, says a man whose eyes exempt him from service, that a young and comely woman stands a much better chance before a jury.

The crowd of men who loaf around Third and Main are not as idle as you might think. They are all looking out for the missing Detroit girl whose mother says she may be identified by a birthmark just below the right knee.

President Wilson is trying to overcome opposition by holding secret conferences with republican senators, whose undisturbed he hopes to make them fall for his borrowed words and treasonous swind. Down here in Oklahoma that would be called a "slattery" offense.

In commenting upon the complaints of hearing devices over the activity of song birds, a resident at that Missouri Valley scheme from the station in the Arkansas river every morning about 5 o'clock.

The girl on South Main says the reason she does not take an aviation is because they tell her she will have to do the "ball spin," "nose dive," "loop," "spiral loop" and "side slip." She knows she would never be able to do any of them, for she found out the other night that she was too light headed to even dance the "antoinette."

A "gilted" article in the following: "Herrera, the public and Oklahoma want to see what he thinks having all that milk stored on them. This didn't get any of the 'spanish' campaign above as they don't need a chaser. I have had lots of trouble, but never tried to drown it with milk." If I did, I believe I would add a little "honey."

Open Your Mouth and Shut Your Eyes



BAROMETER OF PUBLIC OPINION

"MAY WE NOT?"

Editor World: Comparisons are always odious, but comparing the written words of Historian Wilson with the action of President Wilson is the limit.

Don't you know that President Tyler, whose actions in the matter of the treaty with Texas was condemned by Historian Wilson, had never consorted with kings and things and was merely an American executive with some of the royal decorations or prerogatives which such associations give?

And don't you know that the members of the United States senate, who disapproved the Texas treaty and resented the encroachments of the executive, were great statesmen, because they are now dead and their virtues may be recognized, while the present senatorial opponents of the president are but "wild men" and "pigmy minds" because Mr. Wilson says so?

May we not hope and expect more loyalty from men in your position, and may we not also hope that it is unnecessary to state that "loyalty" means unqualified and unquestionable agreement with President Wilson at all times and under all circumstances, and regardless of any thing inconsistent which he may have written in books or said in speeches hereafter and that what he says and does now is unimpeachable, inviolate, patriotic, everlastingly true and the last word in true Americanism and that he, like the other monarchs of glorious memory and undying fame—whose names we may not mention—"can do no wrong"?

I ask, "May we not?" and echo answers, "May we not?" with all the interrogation points—not fourteen points in the timesetting machine.

A. F. SWEENEY.

PROFITEERS UNMOLESTED

The universal cry is against peace profiteering, of which there is abundant proof in all these countries, as there is today in the United States. Action that abuse it should not be impossible to adopt measures that will check it not stop it. Yet the food extortioners and profiteers are permitted to go unmolested while taxmakers and official bodies solemnly discuss why nothing can be done.—New York World.

KEEP PEACEMEN AT HOME.

It is unfortunate, perhaps, that the Campbell proposal implies criticism of the president of the United States. It should be considered, however, solely as a measure applying to the future—which it is. There can be no question that the principle involved in it is one that has the approval of the great majority of Americans. Whether Mr. Wilson was wise or otherwise in going abroad, future presidents should stay at home.—New York Herald.

THE EARLY RATIFICATION.

"If it were done when the United States was a young republic, it would have been a great thing. This observation by a writer when the Germans are pleased to

consider their own may have been in the mind of the national assembly as it proceeded on Wednesday to the passage of the act ratifying the treaty of peace—an act which has now received the signature of President Ebert, so that the formalities of German ratification are complete. It was hard, but the Germans apparently concluded that they might as well get it over with.—New York Times.

PRESIDENT'S OPPORTUNITY.

As for the president, he has an excellent opportunity to regain much of the popular favor which he is believed to have lost in the past six or seven months. He could now pursue a wiser course than to show a harmonizing and conciliatory temper in all directions and to all sides. If he must fight, let no effort be omitted to make the necessity for blows clear to the people. If must tour the states in order to win the backing of the country against the senate in the matter of the league of nations, let him go forth only after having made sincere and friendly advances to the opposition for an accommodation of outstanding differences.—Springfield Republican.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

From the beginning to end there was no discussion, no interpretation in the sense required by the grave and reasonable objections raised against the unreserved acceptance of the covenant. Where there should have been explanation there is naught but exhortation. Where there should have been convincing argument there is fine rhetoric. Where the address should have been analytic it is broadly apologetic. It is an emotional, idealistic harangue, not a specific reply to the questions that are in the minds of so many of us, from beginning to end the reader will meet nothing but disparagement in his search for something new and specific and more satisfactory to patriotic intelligence than are the generalities to which we have become accustomed.—New York Sun.

THE ARMY OF THE FUTURE.

The valetudinary issue of "The Stars and Stripes" which was the special publication of our soldiers with the American expeditionary forces in France, makes some pertinent observations with reference to our army of the future. Assuming that America must maintain a standing army of some size, it urges that the influence of the men who have returned in civil life after active service, should bring about changes in conditions which they accepted without protest under stress of war, but which in time of peace make the life of the soldier unattractive if not intolerable.

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HOROSCOPE

Saturday, July 19, 1919.

Both Neptune and Mercury are strongly for good today according to astrology. Mars is strongly adverse.

There is the best sort of promise for the extension of business. New markets are to be supplied. The stars are real and vigorous. There is a sure that managers will make remarkable advances in the consciousness of conditions and mind.

Much writing about politics and kindred subjects will be in vogue. It is prophetic and wise. Writers should have eyes open, owing to the wave of change stars, which is sure to come. Vision and the power to see will be the chief ones.

If the planets are influenced, they will be in a position to have power over the business of the world, and govern the nations and mind.

Legislators and persons in important positions should be on their feet to avoid accidents for the world is in a position to have more than at any previous time in the world.

Frauds affecting the revenue of states and the federal government are to be exposed. The moon in the tenth house in the Washington diplomatic relations and the acquisition of new lands.

Persons whose interests are in the stock market should be on their feet to avoid accidents for the world is in a position to have more than at any previous time in the world.

LITTLE BENNY'S NOTEBOOK

Weather: Walk far for me to go for all.

Spirits: After Benny Potts and Leroy Shooter had got all their chasing a butterfly last Saturday afternoon Benny Potts threw his hat over it and carried it home and he spent his hat to see if it was there in the first place.

Cloning Miss Mabel Johnson went away for the summer and members of society take pleasure in their absence by setting on the front steps on account of knowing that Mrs. Johnson is for many days away to chase them off as usual.

Fome by Skinny Martin.

The Country.

O don't you love the country? Ware the birds fly thru the trees And the cows give milk for the night.

And the grass outnumber the trees?

Intriguing Facts About Intriguing People: Patsy Shanks was a lady full of sugar in his life for the first time he is allowed to sugar himself, which he never is.

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How It Happened.

Man—What are you fishing for, little boy?

Boy—Sharks!

Man—But there are no sharks in that little pond.

Boy—No, nor nothing else—so I might just as well wish for sharks!

The Louest.

The grove was one all green and fair, A cooling retreat.

The withering foliage shows you where The louest stopped to eat.

As he devours a harsh refrain Incessantly he sings.

He seems a voice without a brain, An appetite with wings.

The havoc he may leave behind For him holds no dismay.

He thinks the whole world was designed For his brief holiday.

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